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REVENUE EARNINGS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the communication sector has shown high growth rate in terms of revenue earnings;

(b) if so, the increase in revenue registered there from during each of the last two years;

(c) the amount of foreign investment in this sector during this period; and

(d) the further growth expected in this sector through internal and foreign resources?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The communication sector has shown a moderate growth in its revenue earning. The percentage of increase in revenue during last two years is as follows:

Year	Deptt. of Telecom BSNL	Deptt. of Posts. MTNL
1999-2000	10%	3% 15%
2000-2001	20%	10% 5%

(c) The amount of Foreign Direct Investment in this sector in last two years is as follows:

Year	Deptt. of Telecom	Deptt. of Posts.
1999-2000	212.7 Crore	Nil
2000-2001	888.6 Crore	Nil

(d) It is expected that the rate of growth from internal resources will be maintained in the coming years and the FDI in the telecommunication sector will be more than in the last years.